

## SELECTIONS FROM THE MAIL.

## COAL SUPPLY OF OCEAN STEAMERS.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: Is it customary for ships of the Cunard Line to begin their voyages with a short supply of coal? This is a question of exceeding importance to the patrons of that line, and in view of the official statement issued by the Cunard Company in regard to the Galia Umbria, would seem to demand an answer for the benefit of the travelling public.

The Galia was but two or three days out from New York; suppose that she had broken her shaft and had been towed around for a week, perhaps drifting near a distant coast without coal and with no friendly ship at hand to extend aid, what then? It is evident that the company does not permit such a failure, for they themselves have said so much and ought to know all the important information and govern ourselves accordingly.

L. S.

New York, Jan. 3.

AN OCEAN PATROL PROPOSED.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: The recent troublous times on the Atlantic, resulting in various disbursements to steamers, and consequent risk and delay to passengers, would seem to call loudly for some means of at least partial remedy. I would suggest the consideration of a system of ocean patrolled by powerful boats of the tug pattern, of size and strength to cover the distance between New York and Queenstown. Twenty such boats would do the work, and should be over 150 feet from each other, or more than seven and one-half miles from any steamer on the course. These boats, with a few for relief, and signal systems embracing lights, electric flash or search light, and rockets, would reduce the liability of danger to a much lower point than it is now. WAKEMAN.

Southern Cal., Dec. 10, 1892.

NORTH RIVER BANK DEPOSITORS GRATEFUL.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: In your article in to-day's paper with regard to the North River Bank you say that the receiver is compelled to furnish a semi-annual statement of accounts, and that your reporter visited the County Clerk's office and was furnished with a statement filed there. Was there a statement filed again in August? If not, why not?

There are hundreds of depositors in this vicinity who would like to know something more definite regarding the bank's affairs, and who think you are taking up the matter so earnestly, and trust you, that through your starting many others will follow, thus aid many poor individuals to recover their money.

E. RULHMAN.

President of New-York Fruit Exchange.

Religious Notices.

A NEW DEPARTURE BY THE METROPOLITAN MEETINGS.

Rev. G. H. YATMAN, Leader.

Tonight (Saturday evening) a new departure in the plan of God's Word—Worship, Service, etc., etc.—will be inaugurated. You cannot mistake the place, come Friday eve. and Sabbath, 3 p. m.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

5:30 p. m. Confessionary, and 15:30, etc.

Afternoon, and evening services.

Services—Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.

AT UNION SQUARE THEATRE.

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